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| Application Number | 10/029,525 |
| Filing Date | December 21, 2001 |
| Confirmation Number | 5894 |
| First Named Inventor | Pugh, Jerry T. |
| Art Unit | 3653 |
| Examiner Name | NOLAND, KENNETH W. |
| Attorney Docket Number | LIFE-037 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form SB08 (substitute for form 1449)
- iv. Other C1 and C2 References and Postcard

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) (Fee Transmittal in Duplicate)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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| Name (Print/Type) | Susan C. Tall | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 52,272 |
| Signature | | | |
| | Date | September 17, 2003 | |

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 750.00)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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Deposit Account Name Bozicevic, Field & Francis LLP

The Commissioner authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fees indicated below Credit any overpayments
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1001 | 750 | 2001 375 Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 | 330 | 2002 165 Design filing fee | |
| 1003 | 520 | 2003 260 Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 | 750 | 2004 375 Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 80 Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Indep. Claims | Multiple Dependent | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|
| | | | Extra Claims | = |
| -20** | = | x | = | |
| -3** | = | x | = | |
| | | | = | |

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 84 | 2201 42 Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 280 | 2203 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 84 | 2204 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) \$

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above.

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 65 Surcharge – late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 25 Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 130 Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 55 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 410 | 2252 205 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 930 | 2253 465 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,450 | 2254 725 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 1,970 | 2255 985 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 320 | 2401 160 Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 320 | 2402 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 280 | 2403 140 Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 55 Petition to revive – unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 650 Petition to revive – unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,300 | 2501 650 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 470 | 2502 235 Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 630 | 2503 315 Plant issue fee | |
| 1406 | 130 | 1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 750 | 2809 375 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 750 | 2810 375 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 750 | 2801 375 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) 750.00 | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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| Signature |  | Date | 09/17/2003 |

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